

# Senate Study Bill 1163 - Introduced

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ON EDUCATION BILL BY  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing use of concurrent enrollment programs for  
2 teaching certain subjects required under the educational  
3 standards and making an appropriation to fund enrollment  
4 of pupils under concurrent enrollment program agreements  
5 between accredited nonpublic schools and community colleges.  
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

DIVISION I

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT WEIGHTING AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 3, paragraph b,  
unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as  
follows:

If the school budget review committee certifies to the  
department of management that the class would not otherwise be  
implemented without the assignment of additional weighting,  
pupils attending a community college-offered class or attending  
a class taught by a community college-employed instructor  
are assigned a weighting of the percentage of the pupil's  
school day during which the pupil attends class in the  
community college or attends a class taught by a community  
college-employed instructor times seventy hundredths for career  
and technical courses or ~~forty-six~~ fifty hundredths for liberal  
arts and sciences courses. The following requirements shall be  
met for the purposes of assigning an additional weighting for  
classes offered through a sharing agreement between a school  
district and community college. The class must be:

Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code  
2019, is amended to read as follows:

c. Notwithstanding paragraph "b", subparagraph (1), a  
school district that otherwise meets the requirements of this  
subsection may enter into a sharing agreement with a community  
college under which the community college may offer, or provide  
a community college-employed instructor to teach, one of the  
science and one of the mathematics units specified under  
section 256.11, subsection 5, or one or more classes units in  
only one of the six career and technical education service  
areas specified in section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph  
~~"h", and the pupils.~~ Pupils enrolled in such a class in  
accordance with this paragraph shall be assigned additional  
weighting in accordance with this subsection if the number of  
pupils enrolled in such a class exceeds five and the school

1 district's total enrollment does not exceed six hundred pupils.  
2 A school district that enters into a sharing agreement with a  
3 community college under this paragraph to provide a unit of  
4 science or mathematics specified in section 256.11, subsection  
5 5, paragraph "a", "d", or "e", shall be deemed to have met the  
6 requirement that the school district teach such a unit under  
7 the educational standards of section 256.11, subsection 5,  
8 paragraph "a", "d", or "e".

9 Sec. 3. Section 257.11, subsection 3, Code 2019, is amended  
10 by adding the following new paragraphs:

11 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. If a pupil attending a community  
12 college-offered class or attending a class taught by a  
13 community college-employed instructor, and who was assigned a  
14 weighting under this subsection for such attendance, fails to  
15 complete the class, the pupil is responsible for all district  
16 costs directly related to the pupil attending the class as  
17 provided in accordance with this subsection and shall reimburse  
18 the school district for its costs minus an amount equivalent to  
19 the amount of weighting assigned to the pupil and received by  
20 the school district pursuant to this subsection. If the pupil  
21 is under eighteen years of age, the pupil's parent or legal  
22 guardian shall sign the student registration form indicating  
23 that the parent or legal guardian is responsible for such  
24 reimbursement amount. However, the school district at its  
25 discretion may waive this reimbursement requirement. A pupil  
26 enrolled in a class provided under paragraph "c" is exempt from  
27 the reimbursement requirement.

28 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. A pupil attending a community  
29 college-offered class or attending a class taught by  
30 a community college-employed instructor that meets the  
31 requirements of this subsection may also be enrolled at an  
32 eligible postsecondary institution, as defined in section  
33 261E.2, on a full-time basis. However, the pupil shall only  
34 be assigned weighting under this subsection for attending  
35 a college-offered class or attending a class taught by a

1 community college-employed instructor in accordance with  
2 this subsection. If the pupil is also participating in the  
3 postsecondary enrollment options program under section 261E.7,  
4 the school district in which the pupil is enrolled shall be  
5 responsible for paying a tuition reimbursement amount for the  
6 pupil's part-time participation in the postsecondary enrollment  
7 options program pursuant to the limitation established under  
8 section 261E.7, subsection 2.

9 Sec. 4. Section 261E.8, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 1. A district-to-community college sharing or concurrent  
12 enrollment program is established to be administered by the  
13 department to promote rigorous academic or career and technical  
14 pursuits and to provide a wider variety of options to high  
15 school students to enroll ~~part-time~~ in eligible nonsectarian  
16 courses at or through community colleges established under  
17 chapter 260C. The program shall be made available to all  
18 resident students in grades nine through twelve. Notice of  
19 the availability of the program shall be included in a school  
20 district's student registration handbook and the handbook shall  
21 identify which courses, if successfully completed, generate  
22 college credit under the program. A student and the student's  
23 parent or legal guardian shall also be made aware of this  
24 program as a part of the development of the student's career  
25 and academic plan in accordance with [section 279.61](#). A student  
26 may enroll full-time in an eligible postsecondary institution  
27 under this section, but shall be eligible for supplementary  
28 weighting pursuant to section 257.11, subsection 3, only for  
29 part-time enrollment in classes that meet the requirements  
30 of section 257.11, subsection 3. Tuition costs beyond such  
31 part-time enrollment, except as provided in section 261E.7, are  
32 the responsibility of the student.

33 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 279.50A Educational standards —  
34 agreements for mathematics or science classes.

35 1. If a school district's total enrollment exceeds six

1 hundred pupils, the school district may enter into an agreement  
 2 with a community college under which the community college may  
 3 offer, or provide a community college-employed instructor to  
 4 teach, one of the units specified in section 256.11, subsection  
 5 5, paragraph "a", "d", or "e", and if the unit of coursework  
 6 under the agreement meets the requirements specified in section  
 7 257.11, subsection 3, paragraph "b", subparagraphs (2) through  
 8 (7), the unit offered shall be deemed to meet the education  
 9 program requirement for a unit of mathematics or science unit,  
 10 as applicable, under section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph  
 11 "a", "d", or "e".

12 2. Pupils enrolled in a unit of coursework offered pursuant  
 13 to subsection 1 are not eligible for supplementary weighting  
 14 under section 257.11, subsection 3.

#### 15 DIVISION II

#### 16 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM CONTRACTS BETWEEN ACCREDITED 17 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES — APPROPRIATION

18 Sec. 6. Section 261E.2, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended  
 19 to read as follows:

20 1. "*Concurrent enrollment*" means any course offered to  
 21 students in grades nine through twelve during the regular  
 22 school year approved by the board of directors of a school  
 23 district through a contractual agreement between a community  
 24 college and the school district that meets the provisions  
 25 of [section 257.11, subsection 3](#). "*Concurrent enrollment*"  
 26 also means any course offered to students in grades nine  
 27 through twelve during the regular school year approved by the  
 28 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school through  
 29 a contract with a community college in accordance with section  
 30 261E.8, subsection 2, paragraph "b".

31 Sec. 7. Section 261E.8, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended  
 32 to read as follows:

33 2. a. Students from accredited nonpublic schools and  
 34 students receiving competent private instruction or independent  
 35 private instruction under [chapter 299A](#) may access the program

1 through the school district in which the accredited nonpublic  
2 school or private institution is located.

3 b. (1) Students from accredited nonpublic schools may  
4 also access the program if the accredited nonpublic school in  
5 which the students are enrolled meets the requirements of this  
6 section and section 257.11, subsection 3, as if the accredited  
7 nonpublic school were a school district, and enters into a  
8 contract with a community college that meets the requirements  
9 of this section and section 257.11, subsection 3, for the  
10 provision of academic or career and technical coursework to  
11 high school students enrolled in the accredited nonpublic  
12 school. A student who wishes to participate in the program  
13 must make application to the accredited nonpublic school  
14 and the community college in the manner established under  
15 subsection 3 and meet the requirements of this section. An  
16 accredited nonpublic school that meets the requirements of  
17 this subparagraph to provide a unit of science or mathematics  
18 shall be deemed to have met the requirement that the accredited  
19 nonpublic school teach such a science or mathematics unit under  
20 the educational standards of section 256.11, subsection 5,  
21 paragraph "a", "d", or "e".

22 (2) A community college that enters into a contract as  
23 provided in this paragraph shall submit to the department,  
24 during the fall and spring semesters, or the equivalent, a  
25 list of the accredited nonpublic school students enrolled for  
26 the semester, or the equivalent, who are participating in the  
27 program. The community college and the accredited nonpublic  
28 school shall verify to the department that the accredited  
29 nonpublic school and the coursework provided under this  
30 paragraph meet the requirements of this section and section  
31 257.11, subsection 3, and shall provide to the department data  
32 and information elements as required under subsection 8 by  
33 rule.

34 (3) The department shall calculate and pay to a community  
35 college for each semester in which a student is concurrently

1 enrolled in the community college in accordance with this  
2 paragraph "b" an amount equivalent to the amount a school  
3 district would receive if the student was assigned a weighting  
4 under section 257.11, subsection 3, paragraph "b". For  
5 each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2019, there  
6 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the  
7 department of education an amount necessary to make payments to  
8 community colleges for the concurrent enrollment of accredited  
9 nonpublic school students under this section, as calculated in  
10 accordance with this paragraph.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill authorizes school districts and accredited  
15 nonpublic schools with enrollments of 600 or fewer pupils to  
16 utilize concurrent enrollment programs to meet the requirements  
17 for science and mathematics units under the educational  
18 standards; allows school districts with enrollments over 600  
19 pupils to enter into an agreement with a community college to  
20 meet the requirements for science and mathematics units under  
21 the educational standards; and allows accredited nonpublic  
22 schools to enter into concurrent enrollment contracts with  
23 community colleges for the provision of academic or career and  
24 technical coursework for high school students and provides for  
25 a standing unlimited appropriation to fund the enrollment of  
26 accredited nonpublic school pupils under concurrent enrollment  
27 contracts between accredited nonpublic schools and community  
28 colleges. The bill is organized in divisions.

29 Division I of the bill provides an additional exception to a  
30 provision that limits concurrent enrollment programs to courses  
31 that supplement, rather than supplant, high school courses  
32 required to be offered and taught under the state's educational  
33 standards. The educational standards require accredited  
34 schools to offer and teach five units of science and six units  
35 of mathematics. The new exemption allows one of these science

1 units and one of these mathematics units to be offered and  
2 taught under a sharing agreement with a community college if  
3 the number of pupils enrolled in such a class exceeds 5 and the  
4 school district's total enrollment does not exceed 600 pupils.  
5 A school district that meets these requirements and offers  
6 a unit of science or mathematics under a sharing agreement  
7 with a community college shall be deemed to have met the  
8 requirement that the school district teach such a unit under  
9 the educational standards.

10 Under Code section 257.11(3), pupils enrolled in such  
11 classes are assigned additional supplementary weighting. The  
12 per pupil amount of supplementary weighting for liberal arts  
13 and sciences courses is increased from 0.46 to 0.50.

14 The division requires a pupil who does not complete such a  
15 class to reimburse the school district for its costs minus an  
16 amount equivalent to the amount of weighting assigned to the  
17 pupil and received by the school district. If the pupil is  
18 under 18 years of age, the pupil's parent or legal guardian  
19 must sign the student registration form indicating that the  
20 parent or legal guardian is responsible for such reimbursement  
21 amount. However, the school district at its discretion may  
22 waive the reimbursement requirement. Pupils enrolled in a  
23 class provided under the offer and teach exemptions is also  
24 exempted from the reimbursement requirement.

25 A pupil attending and assigned weighting for a community  
26 college-offered class or attending a class taught by a  
27 community college-employed instructor may also be enrolled at  
28 an eligible postsecondary institution on a full-time basis,  
29 but the pupil shall only be assigned weighting for attending  
30 a college-offered class or attending a class taught by a  
31 community college-employed instructor. If the pupil is also  
32 participating in the postsecondary enrollment options (PSEO)  
33 program, the school district in which the pupil is enrolled is  
34 responsible for paying a tuition reimbursement amount for the  
35 pupil's part-time enrollment under the PSEO program. Costs for



1 enrollment in classes that do not meet the requirements for  
2 supplementary weighting or tuition reimbursement under the PSEO  
3 program are the responsibility of the student.

4 Pupils enrolled in a school district with an enrollment  
5 over 600 pupils that enters into an agreement with a community  
6 college to meet a science or mathematics requirement under  
7 the educational standards are ineligible for supplementary  
8 weighting under the district-to-community college sharing and  
9 concurrent enrollment programs.

10 Division II of the bill expands the definition of  
11 "concurrent enrollment" for the senior year plus program to  
12 include academic and career and technical courses offered to  
13 students enrolled in an accredited nonpublic school under a  
14 contract with a community college. Similar to the exemption  
15 in Division I for school districts, the division provides an  
16 exemption to an accredited nonpublic school with an enrollment  
17 of 600 or fewer students to enter into a sharing agreement to  
18 provide career and technical, science, and mathematics courses  
19 that meet the unit requirements of the state's educational  
20 standards.

21 The division requires the community college that enters  
22 into such a contract to provide the department with a list  
23 of the accredited nonpublic school students enrolled, and to  
24 verify that the course work meets concurrent enrollment program  
25 requirements. The department is directed to calculate and pay  
26 to the community college an amount equivalent to the amount of  
27 supplementary weighting a school district would receive for  
28 enrolling such students.

29 The division establishes a standing, unlimited  
30 appropriation, for each fiscal year beginning on or after July  
31 1, 2019, from the general fund of the state to the department  
32 of education, in an amount necessary to make payments to  
33 community colleges for the concurrent enrollment of accredited  
34 nonpublic school students under a sharing agreement.